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**High school students at anti-ICE protest at state Capitol in St. Paul, Minnesota, Jan. 14, 2026.**

## Minneapolis unity vs ICE terror

**By Monica Moorehead**

Minneapolitans have called a work stoppage for Jan. 23 with the theme of "ICE OUT of Minnesota/A Day of Truth and Freedom: No work, No school, No shopping." What led to this clarion call that has resonated so widely across the country?

Since President Donald Trump took office, his white supremacist administration has declared a racist and xenophobic war on migrants — from Los Angeles to Chicago to New York City. An estimated 540,000 migrants have been deported, including those along the Mexican border. (New York Times, Jan. 18)

Minneapolis has become ground zero in the struggle against Department of Homeland Security Director Kristi Noem's fascistic storm troopers, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents. They began to flood the city with terror in early December as part of a larger, federal "Operation Metro Surge." This surge led to the ICE fatal shooting of 37-year-old Renee Nicole Good, recorded for the world to see on Jan. 7.

The initial targets of ICE in Minneapolis were migrants from the East African country of Somalia. Trump had referred to the Somali community, the largest population outside of that country, as "garbage" to justify targeting them for deportation, regardless of their citizenship status.

Neighboring communities began organizing a citywide defense of the Somali community that inspired the rest of the country. This coordinated mobilization included using visual and audio equipment to warn

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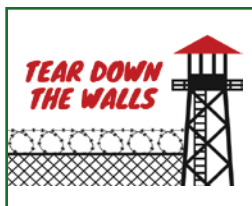


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## Thousands march against Trump's Greenland quest

**By Gregory Dunkel and Paddy Colligan**

President Donald Trump has not relented in his quest to "own Greenland" even if it means splitting up NATO.

January 17 saw demonstrations of hundreds of people — from knee-high children to elders in Greenland. Police estimated that a quarter of Nuuk's population marched in the country's capital. Greenland, an autonomous territory of the Danish realm, has about 58,000 inhabitants.

In Nuuk, in Ilulissat, a town on the west coast, in Tasiilaq, a town on the east coast, and in other Greenlandic communities, protesters said "Greenland is not for sale!" Tens of thousands of people also marched in Copenhagen, the capital of Denmark, and other major Danish cities, under the same slogan. According to ABC News, demonstrators are now wearing red caps that say "Make America go Away". (Jan. 19)

Britain, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway and Sweden, have all sent some military personnel to Greenland so that the United States can't march into Greenland without firing on — or threatening — its NATO allies.

This simple maneuver of some of the smaller imperialist powers in NATO, the longest-lasting imperialist alliance since World War II, so flummoxed Trump that he resorted to vindictively imposing some heavy, illegal tariffs on the NATO countries opposing him. ☐

**People protest against Trump's policy towards Greenland in front of the U.S. Consulate in Nuuk.**

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# Workers World says 'Hands off Venezuela' and 'Abolish ICE'

Workers World newspaper has been on top of reporting the news and analyzing two of the primary issues being addressed by anti-imperialist, anti-racist forces in the U.S. today. Our articles and editorials strongly demand "U.S. out of Venezuela!" and "No ICE on our streets!" and support the activists fighting back against these outrageous U.S. government sieges of a sovereign country and of migrants, Indigenous, Black and Latine communities right here.

Articles were posted at **workers.org** immediately after the U.S. began raining down murderous missile strikes on Venezuelan boats in the Caribbean Sea. Coverage continued with denunciations of Washington's militarization of the region, imposition of a "no-fly zone" and an outright U.S. Army attack which killed 100 officials, soldiers and civilians, Venezuelan and Cuban, and resulted in the kidnapping of President Nicolás Maduro and First Combatant Cilia Flores. Our paper quickly criticized the Trump administration's plan to seize the country's oil.

New York City, Jan. 3, 2026

WW newspaper has supported Venezuela since the Bolivarian government was established by President Hugo Chavez, and has opposed constant U.S. threats, attacks and sanctions against the sovereign nation. We have published their official communications and solidarity statements by Cuba and many other governments, and reported on worldwide demonstrations opposing Washington's offensive against Venezuela.

At the same time, WW has reported on the horrid atrocities inflicted on im/migrants by Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents, on orders from the Trump administration. These outrageous acts, targeting particularly Black and Latine communities and their supporters, have intensified in U.S. cities, including Minneapolis, where Renee Good was murdered by an ICE agent.

Our newspaper not only reports on capitalism's horrors, but on the resistance. Our editorials applaud those who oppose war and challenge and chase off ICE agents. Our newspaper is partisan, supporting those repressed — and those who fight back.

Workers World says "U.S.: Hands off Venezuela!" "No wars for oil!" "Abolish ICE!" and "Free all migrants!"

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The U.S. is the richest country in the world, yet no one has a guaranteed right to shelter, food, water, health care, education or anything else — unless they can pay for it. Wages are lower than ever, and youth are saddled with seemingly insurmountable student debt, if they even make it to college. Black, Brown and Indigenous youth and trans people are gunned down by cops and bigots on a regular basis.

The ruthless ruling class today seeks to wipe out decades of gains and benefits won by hard-fought struggles by people's movements. The super-rich and their political representatives have intensified their attacks on the multinational, multigender and multigenerational working class. It is time to point the blame at — and challenge — the capitalist system.

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# New York City Nurses strike continues

**By Tony Murphy**
**New York City**

January 17 – Coming off a Friday of well-below freezing temperatures as an arctic blast hit the eastern seaboard, the New York City nurses' strike, involving 15,000 nurses represented by the New York State Nurses Association (NYSNA), entered its sixth day.

At Mount Sinai Hospital, one of the three being struck, nurses held the picket line strong in spite of snow flurries. Thousands of cars drove by honking support for the majority women of color workers who make some of New York's biggest hospitals run.

The fabulously wealthy owners of Mount Sinai, Montefiore and New York-Presbyterian hospitals are claiming they can't afford to maintain the health care gains or safe staffing levels NYSNA won in its three-day strike in 2023.

New York-Presbyterian's CEO earns $26.4 million a year, while Mount Sinai spent $100 million on an AI center. Those millions of dollars were created by the labor of the nurses now on strike. With influenza and COVID-19 rates at high levels, these hospital owners are prioritizing profit over patient safety, nurses' safety and workers' rights. The hospitals are paying traveling nurses hired as strikebreakers as much as $9,000 a week and will spend $100 million in its attempt to defeat the union.

As the weather threatens to get even colder, support on the picket line for this consequential strike, led by women of color, will be essential for a critical workers' victory. This is particularly important as President Donald Trump does everything he can, through violent, racist raids and deportations, to destroy classwide solidarity.

To follow the developments of the strike, readers can go to the union site, nysna.org. ❐

WW PHOTO: TONY MURPHY

**New York nurses picket outside Mount Sinai Hospital, Jan. 17, 2026.**

# Laundry Workers Center campaign for underpaid worker

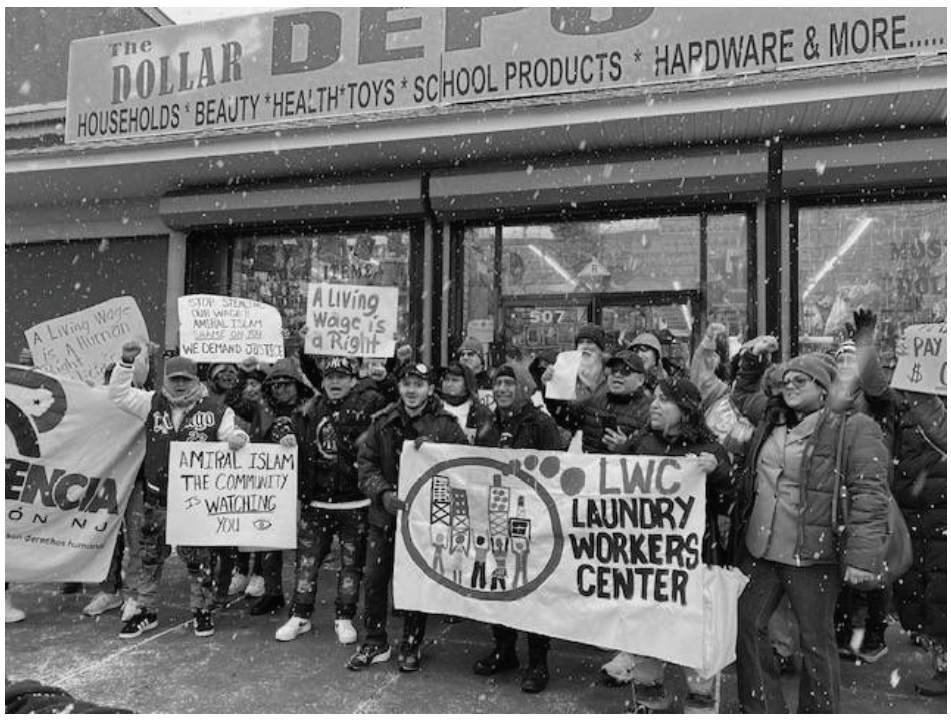
The Laundry Workers Center launched a campaign on behalf of Salvador Pardo, a worker at a 99-cent retail store in East Orange, New Jersey, who is being paid less than minimum wage. After 18 years of wage theft and labor exploitation, he is demanding better working conditions for himself and his co-workers.

In a powerful show of support, 50 people marched into the store where Pardo delivered a letter to the owner demanding to be paid minimum wage and respect for all the workers.

Rosanna Rodriguez, co-executive director of the Laundry Workers Center, told the store owner that it is illegal for him not to pay minimum wage and that he has 14 days to respond to the legal letter. She said he could not retaliate against Pardo for taking this action: "You can't fire him, you can't cut his hours," because we are going to be here watching you."

Supporters chanted "¡La clase obrera no tiene fronteras!" (The working class has no borders!), and "¡Si se puede!" (Yes you can!)

**– Report and photo by Brenda Ryan**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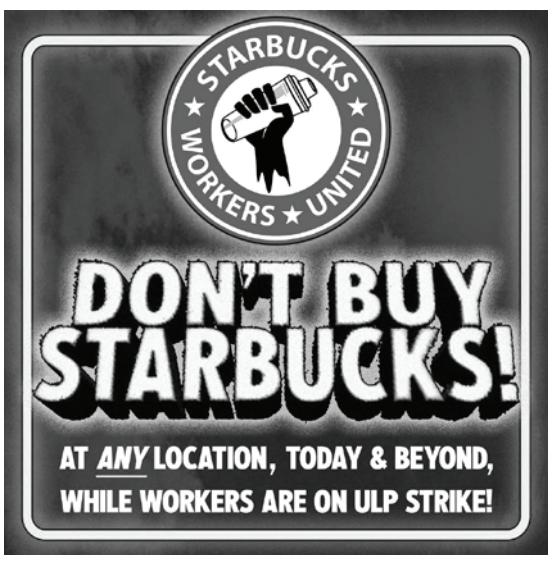


# Starbucks strike in third month

**By Martha Grevatt**

The longest strike in the history of Starbucks has entered its third month. While some strikers have returned to work, including those at the Ohio stores, other workers have recently joined the strike. The three main demands — better hourly wages, better schedules and resolution of the hundreds of Unfair Labor Practice charges filed by Starbucks Workers United (SBWU) in response to the coffee chain's egregious union busting — remain unmet.

Supporters are asked to keep honoring the picket lines and to sign the "No contract, no coffee" pledge. Picket line actions are scheduled for the next several months in seven states — California, Illinois, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas and Washington. To sign the pledge or find a picket line, go to nocontractnocoffee.org.

Solidarity events have ranged from leaflet distributions outside unorganized stores to letter-writing parties where supporters write letters to their local media to counter Starbucks' propaganda.

The union organizing drive continues to push ahead, with the number of unionized stores now around 650. A new documentary, "Partners: How Starbucks Baristas Started a Labor Revolution," that focuses on SBWU's beginnings in Buffalo, New York, in 2021, is expected to be released this year. ❐

# Breaking Breads union denounces Israeli genocide

**By Kathy Durkin**
**New York City**

Workers at Breads Bakery stores in New York City are organizing to join the United Auto Workers union Local 2179. The workers, who have named themselves the Breaking Breads Union, are demanding respect, higher wages, overtime pay, additional wages for working on holidays and guaranteed weekly hours with a posted work schedule. Additionally, they want broken equipment replaced and company concern for workers' safety.

But this is no ordinary union drive. These bakery workers are also demanding that the Israeli-owned company "cease to support the Israeli occupation of Gaza." The workers say they "have been forced by the chain to create products for fundraisers for Israeli organizations and are unable to decline." Some told of seeing videos showing atrocities inflicted on Palestinians in Gaza and "your boss telling you [to make] a new specialty bread item that's sold special and discounted for use as a fundraiser for a country that's doing a genocide." (theguardian.com, Jan. 15)

So far, over 30% of the 275 workers employed at Breads Bakery's six stores have signed cards petitioning the National Labor Relations Board to conduct an election to join UAW Local 2179, the minimum percentage of workers who can request a vote be conducted to unionize.

They have received hundreds of messages of support in response to the bakery workers' grievances, which are posted on social media. This is despite far-right Zionist threats and vicious anti-union calls for customers to deliberately patronize the stores to support the bosses' pro-Israel policies and fundraising campaigns.

The Breaking Breads Union solidarity with the Palestinian people, who have been murdered, tortured and forced out of their homes, farms and businesses by the Israeli state, with U.S. backing, is propelled by the Palestinian people themselves who have resisted the U.S./Israeli siege so valiantly. It reflects the basic humanity and solidarity felt and shown by millions of workers and allies in the U.S. and worldwide for the Palestinian people.

Some other unions have voiced their support for the Palestinian people. In December 2023, the UAW called for a ceasefire in Gaza, and a grouping within the union founded UAW Labor for Palestine, which demanded the union leadership divest from Israel Bonds. Also that year, Starbucks Workers United sided with the Palestinian people's right to self-determination. (nytimes.com,, Jan. 13)

Hopefully, the Breaking Breads Union's strong stance will influence other workers and unions to do more of the same.

*This writer's grandparents fled antisemitic pogroms in eastern Poland, then in the Russian tsar's empire in 1907. Her grandfather, Paul Bubrick, was a staunch anti-Zionist member of the Bund who transmitted his strong views supporting the Palestinians' right to their country, freedom and self-determination to many of his descendants.*

# Water problems at SCI Mahanoy, tip of the iceberg

**By Marta Guttenberg**

In mid January, people incarcerated at Pennsylvania State Correctional Institute at Mahanoy were once again telling their families that the tap water was brown and undrinkable. On Jan. 17 an assistant to the superintendent assured one concerned caller that the water was "safe" and also said that bottled water was being provided with meals.

Families subsequently learned that, yes, bottled water was provided with meals — but limited to two a day. The tap water is still murky and discolored. It is still being used for cooking. It is the only water available for showers.

Brown water is a recurring problem, not just at SCI Mahanoy but for the region. Similar complaints over foul smelling brown tap water led to demonstrations outside nearby SCI Frackville and Mahanoy in 2016. Participants at those rallies handed out fliers that explained these problems are not just issues for prisoners. The surrounding communities also had dirty water problems.

The land surrounding the prison has been subject to mountain top removal mining for anthracite coal. Anthracite mining and processing are still ongoing in the area. Processing this type of coal releases large amounts of coal ash that persists in the environment. Coal ash poses serious health risks when ingested or inhaled, with risks escalating with chronic exposure.

An environmentalist incarcerated at SCI Mahanoy speculates that the current water problem may also be the result of recent construction work on prison grounds.

This recurring problem must be addressed. Prison officials need to immediately investigate these reports and provide all prisoners with an adequate supply of bottled water for drinking and access to clean water for showering and personal use. Action is needed to resolve the underlying cause.

Water is needed for life and as such is considered a basic human right! ☐

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of Corrections
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FREE EM ALL
CLEAN WATER IS EVERY PRISONER'S RIGHT
HEALTH CARE AND THE HEP C CURE IN PRISON IS A HUMAN RIGHT!
HEPATITIS C TREATMENT FOR MUMIA & 4,000 PRISONERS NOW! FREE MUMIA

WW PHOTO: JOE PIETTE

**Demonstration outside of SCI Frackville over health care and clean water issues, Sept. 25, 2016.**

# Days of action to Free Ahmad Sa'adat

*The following is from a call for action by Samidoun Palestine Prisoners Solidarity Network.*

**Liberated prisoner Georges Abdallah, second from left, marks the anniversary of the abduction of Ahmad Sa'adat in Beirut, Lebanon, Jan. 15, 2026.**

January 15 marks the 24th anniversary of the abduction of Palestinian liberation movement leader Ahmad Sa'adat, the General Secretary of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, by the so-called "Palestinian Authority" (PA) under its "security coordination" with the Zionist regime.

For four years, Sa'adat and his comrades were imprisoned by the PA — and held under U.S., British and Canadian guard — before they were abducted, once again, on March 14, 2006, by the Zionist occupation forces. Since then, Sa'adat and his comrades, leaders of the Palestinian prisoners' movement, have been held inside the notorious Zionist prisons and subjected to isolation, torture and medical abuse and neglect. Today, they are among the leadership prisoners threatened with assassination daily inside the occupation prisons.

Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network urges all who stand with Palestine — Palestine solidarity groups and collectives, Palestinian, Arab and Muslim community organizations, anti-imperialist organizations, political parties and liberation movements — to join between January 15 to 25 in a week of action to free Ahmad Sa'adat and all Palestinian prisoners in Zionist dungeons, in PA jails and in the prisons of imperialist and reactionary regimes.

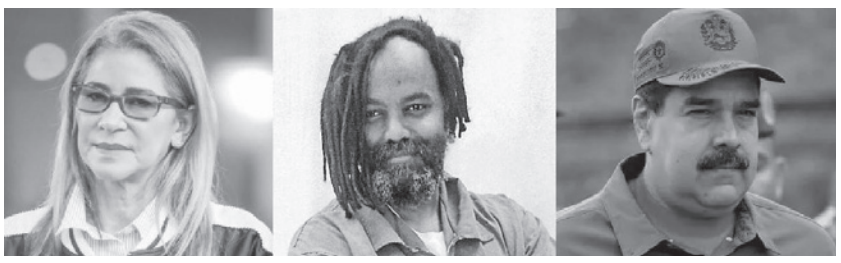
The "Week of Action to Free Ahmad Sa'adat and all Palestinian Prisoners" has been marked annually for nearly 15 years. This year, the dates also coincide with a day of media action on Jan. 15–16, 2026, by the **Red Ribbons Campaign** and **Save Palestinian Prisoners Campaign**, which focus on the struggle to free Palestinians in occupation prisons, including medical workers like Dr. Hussam Abu Safiya, and all imprisoned Palestinians — as well as campaigning to stop the dangerous "execution law" being promulgated by ultra-Zionist, racist "Israeli" national security minister Itamar Ben-Gvir. We urge all to participate in this day of media action, as well as activities organized as part of this campaign on Jan. 31, 2026, for the Palestinian prisoners and their liberation.

The call to action is particularly urgent this year. Since Oct. 7, 2023, amid the Al-Aqsa Flood and the ongoing genocide of the Palestinian people, especially in Gaza, at least 87 identified Palestinian prisoners have already been assassinated inside the Zionist jails, either directly under torture or due to deliberate medical neglect and abuse. Palestinian prisoners are subjected to a starvation policy, denied family and even legal visits and subjected to repeated raids and attacks inside the prisons — all under the guise of a "state of emergency" — perpetuated for over two years.

*Read the full call to action at* ***samidoun.net*****.**

# Free Nicolás Maduro, Cilia Flores, Mumia Abu-Jamal and all political prisoners!

*A coalition of groups which have long fought for the release of Mumia Abu-Jamal and other U.S. political prisoners felt compelled to issue the following statement in response to the illegal imprisonment of Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro and Cilia Flores:*



**From the left: Cilia Flores, Mumia Abu-Jamal and President Nicolás Maduro**

The Mobilization for Mumia, the Campaign to Bring Mumia Home and the Free Mumia Abu-Jamal Coalition (NYC) unequivocally oppose and condemn the Trump regime's illegal bombing of the Venezuelan capital and kidnapping of President Nicolás Maduro and Cilia Flores from Venezuela. This unprovoked, unilateral military assault on the sovereign nation of Venezuela, without even the pretense of authorization by Congress or the U.S. people, is a violation of the U.S. Constitution and international law.

The Trump regime's latest atrocity has nothing to do with promoting democracy or combatting the flow of illegal drugs into this country and much to do with regaining control of Venezuelan oil reserves and rare minerals for the sole benefit of U.S.-based multinational oil and AI [artificial intelligence] companies. We stand with the Venezuelan people in defense of their national sovereignty and their right to control their own government, economy and resources.

We are activists fighting against mass incarceration of poor, oppressed and working-class people. We oppose the incarceration of political activists like Mumia Abu-Jamal who are behind bars for fighting against the racist, capitalist system. Mumia was framed for his political activities and has been incarcerated for 44 years. What is happening to Maduro and Flores is a frame-up, too.

Furthermore, the U.S. ruling class, led by Trump, is hurting the lives of people of color, women, trans people, migrants, unions, LGBTQIA2S+ people and disabled people with massive cuts to the rights and gains we've won over the last 75 years. We know our movements and struggles are international.

We are in solidarity with Venezuela's working-class struggle to defend massive improvements made in workers' lives in housing, health care, food and other living standards won over the last 25 years. This, despite debilitating sanctions, continual threats and outright lies from the global corporate press.

We know those rights were won because the working class led by Hugo Chávez, Nicolás Maduro, Cilia Flores and many others created a mass movement that was able to install their own representatives into the highest positions of government.

Their community-based mass movements showed that another world is possible. Capitalists in Venezuela, the U.S. and beyond reacted with horror, massive sanctions and now military aggression to undermine it.

We support the working-class struggle in Venezuela against the re-imposition of a corporate, profit-centered, Wall Street-tied government that would threaten workers' rights, challenge Venezuela's sovereignty and steal Venezuela's resources.

Their struggle is our struggle.

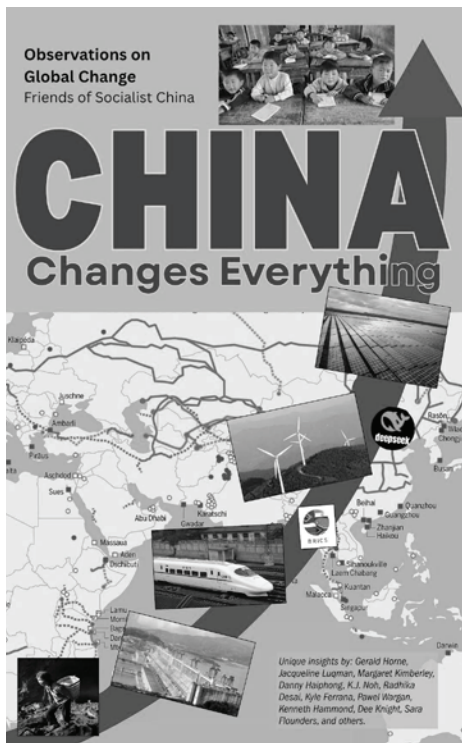
No war with Venezuela!

Free Nicolás Maduro, Cilia Flores, Mumia Abu-Jamal and all political prisoners!

Solidarity with the working people of Venezuela!

And of course, Free Palestine and f-ck ICE! ☐

# ‘China Changes Everything’
## A review of a powerful new book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**By G. Dunkel**

The bourgeoisie was shocked by the end-of-year news out of China. The business section of the New York Times on Dec. 14 used a 1.5 inch headline type — four times bigger than usual — to report that, “China’s trade surplus for the first 11 months of 2025” was $1.08 trillion. The trade deficit of the United States was $52.8 billion for the same period.

### Chinese manufacturing prowess

While sales of Chinese manufactured goods declined in the United States because of the feckless tariffs President Donald Trump has imposed willy-nilly, China has expanded “its sale of goods, including cars, consumer electronics and solar panels across Africa, Asia and Latin America.” Shifting the final assembly to other countries has helped preserve some of China’s markets in the U.S.

China’s trade surplus is not the only shocking news. The Economist points out: “China’s share of the world’s manufacturing value added exceeds one-third, giving it the power to disrupt global supply chains overnight. In green technology, Chinese firms supply the materials, components and finished goods for 60-80% of solar panels, wind turbines and electric vehicles. DeepSeek showed what China can do in artificial intelligence.” (economist.com, Dec. 18)

The Economist goes on to say: “Two decades ago Western firms invested in China to take advantage of its cheap producers and huge market. Today they build laboratories there.”

It is clear that the efforts of the Trump administration to weaken China’s economy in preparation for military actions have not succeeded.

Below is a review of those parts of the book, “China Changes Everything,” that examine how China is building socialism. (The chapters examining China’s response to U.S. threats and its financial and propaganda attacks are not covered here.)

### Background: People’s Republic of China founded

When Mao Zedong, who was chair of the Communist Party of China (CPC), proclaimed the People’s Republic of China (PRC) on October 1, 1949, the country was reeling from decades of civil war and foreign occupation. In addition, 10 million to 20 million people in China were addicted to opium, a legacy of imperialist impact on China and two wars with Britain in the 19th century.

The U.S. supplied billions of dollars worth of economic and military aid to the Kuomintang (KMT), the party leading the opposition to the CPC, during World War II and after. The U.S. even ferried KMT troops among the different theaters of this conflict and provided logistics support.

The U.S. efforts were of no avail. The KMT had to retreat to Taiwan, an island province of China, in 1949, after the victory of the CPC.

### How did China leave poverty behind?

“China Changes Everything” — a collection of 31 articles written by journalists, commentators and social justice activists — doesn’t explicitly say what led to China becoming a prosperous world leader. It does point to some general features and examines some issues, such as “green technology,” in detail.

Sara Flounders, who coordinated the book’s collection, gave a general answer to the “how did China do it” question in her article.

In the United States, almost all resources are owned by a handful of billionaires and exploited for their profits.

By contrast, Flounders writes: “In China, the overwhelming bulk of resources — oil, gas, coal, gold, gems, rare earth minerals and water — are socially owned and used for the development of the whole society.” While there are Chinese millionaires (and a few billionaires), their activities are directed by a centralized, five-year plan that is designed to serve the needs of the people and overseen by a communist party.

In the chapter “Communist Principles and Culture Drive China’s Development,” Jacqueline Luqman describes how China runs its economy for the benefit of its workers. Her article goes into details.

Luqman explains: “The CPC owns and operates state-owned enterprises (SOEs), which are large corporations that dominate key industries. ... The CPC manages those industries and establishes industrial priorities through economic planning. The CPC’s social priorities are factored into how its economic plans are shaped, what is produced, marketed and sold and how the profits are used to benefit the people.”

Socialist economic planning also governs how enterprises not owned by the CPC make their decisions. Luqman states, “The CPC’s social housing policy is a key component of its social welfare system, designed to provide affordable housing for low- and middle-income individuals and families.”

China’s national housing program, which combines local initiatives and national goals, was an important factor in raising 850 million people out of absolute poverty.

### Is China building socialism?

The second section in “China Changes Everything” is a detailed analysis of what the CPC has done to move China away from the vast devastation imposed by imperialism, centuries of feudal rule, human-made famines, life expectancy as low as 24 years in rural areas and warlord rule in the 1920s. Sydney Loving makes the point: “Capitalism is just not capable of that kind of project. They [China] did it through central planning and mass mobilization.”

### Progress in infrastructure

China in the past 76 years has built a society and an economy that is prosperous and powerful. “Even smaller cities are high-tech and increasingly green, life expectancy is over seventy-eight years, and of course, over 800 million people have been lifted out of extreme poverty.”

In his chapter “Between the Rust Belt and the Model City,” Paweł Wargan makes the point, “Jiayuguan [a model, iron-producing city in western China] offered proof that the images of decay and despair that many have come to associate with industrial cities in Eastern Europe were not products of their socialist past but symptoms of their capitalist present.”

There are two chapters on China’s public transportation, which “is considered one of the most important services a city offers and one that should have the public’s trust in the government, since everyone needs to use it for work or travel.” Betsey Piette and Lee Siu Hin both cover it, pointing out that China has built five of the 10 largest metro networks in the world beginning in 1969. Besides its extensive metro systems, China has implemented nearly 25,000 miles of high-speed rail lines between all major Chinese cities.

### Universal health care

In her chapter, “China Can Provide Universal Health Care, Why Can’t the United States?” Margaret Flowers — a physician with hands-on experience in multitudinous health care systems — makes the point, “China spends less than 3% of what the U.S. spends per capita, while providing nearly universal coverage and improving health outcomes.”

### China ahead in green technology

Lyn Neeley, in her chapter “China Outpaces the World in Energy Production and Green Technology,” writes: “China’s gains in renewable energy production have skyrocketed ... [C]lean energy technology accounted for 40% of its gross domestic product expansion last year.”

China’s leadership is not just in manufacturing green technology. “The number of clean energy patents filed by China rose from 18 in 2000 to over 700,000 in 2024, over half the world’s total.”

The book “China Changes Everything” is a useful tool in dispelling the myths and lies about socialist China.

*Order a discounted copy of “China Changes Everything” at the IngramSpark website: tinyurl.com/3kekcp2n.*

# Palestine solidarity marches on

**By Jim McMahan**
**Seattle**

A demonstration called by Palestinian organizations and allies in Seattle on Jan. 17 confronted the U.S. empire with outrage and the truth. At the opening rally speakers exposed the ceasefire as a fraud, as the U.S./Israeli regime has murdered over 460 Gazans since the ceasefire in October and continues to block aid shipments into Gaza.

Revolution is INEVITABLE
DEATH! 2 THE IOF
POWER GROWS FROM THE BARREL OF A GUN!
LONG LIVE OPERATION AL AQSA FLOOD!
SEATTLE REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH
WW PHOTO: JIM MCMAHAN

A Palestinian woman spoke of the need to build networks in the immigrant community to provide information about legal rights and legal aid as well as information about Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) whereabouts and maneuvers in the community. This could knit the community closer together in the struggle against Donald Trump's deportation regime.

The demonstration marched on Amazon Web headquarters, where the company's property was quickly taken over for another rally. A fired Amazon worker exposed the company's complicity with Israel in the weaponization of data in attacks and mass murder of Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank.

Another fired worker from the No Azure for Apartheid organization at Microsoft also spoke. He declared that Palestine has long been a testing ground for high tech weapons developed at Amazon and Microsoft. Both speakers pledged to continue the struggle against these behemoth corporations.

The demonstration also chanted and declared its opposition to the U.S.'s bloody attacks on Venezuela. This action, with signs, banners, flags, props and Arabic chants was a dramatic enactment of the Palestinian struggle coming back to the U.S. imperialist empire! ☐

# Anti-LGBTQIA2S+ bigots confronted

**By Martha Grevatt**
**Cleveland**

A number of LGBTQIA2S+ organizations demonstrated outside and inside the Cleveland City Club on Jan. 16 as the bigoted “Center for Christian Virtue” was giving a presentation. Chants included “2-4-6-8, We don’t want your fascist hate!” and “Racist, sexist, anti-gay, Christian fascists go away!” Among the organizations that called demonstrations were the LGBT Community Center of Greater Cleveland, AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT UP) Cleveland and Ecumenical Queer Union for Action and Love (EQUAL).

At least one activist was arrested. ☐

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# ICE fishing: Inside the organized resistance to occupation

**By Harvey Markowitz**
**Minneapolis**

Steam billows from atop a coffee mug sustained by cold hands in the frigid passenger's seat of a hatchback that has weathered many journeys. Nearby on a busy street in south Minneapolis, locals amble about, carrying out their daily sojourns. For now, it is quiet; a waiting game from a parking space, where volunteers monitor passing traffic for their license plates.

Then, out of the quiet but light suspended action, a known vehicle passes along the road. "That's them," says the co-pilot, and the activation of the ignition turns the cold coach into a hot hatchback; the pursuit of ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) snatchers has begun.

By following the agents with loud, continuous noise from whistles and car horns, ICE attempts to raid immigrants' homes cannot be conducted with the element of surprise, and the agents are forced to abandon their quarry.

Across the broad Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area, people are fighting back against what they consider an occupation by a despotic government that appears opposed to their way of life. Left unopposed, the evidence of ICE kidnappings lies apparent in the streets, where cars can be found with broken windows, a sliced seatbelt and even an engine still left idling.

If locals do not show sufficient deference to ICE interlopers, the agents punish them with tyrannical brutality. Agents threaten them with violence, and as has been reported by many news agencies, often engage in actual violence, whether it be bodily harm or destruction of their property.

On Jan. 7, an ICE officer named Jonathan Ross shot and killed 37-year-old Minneapolitan Renee Good mere blocks away from the 2020 savage police murder of George Floyd. Though opposition to ICE was already palpable before, the killing has ignited a burning indignation within locals.

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**Massive march in Minneapolis to protest the ICE murder of Renee Good.**

At a recent community meeting in a south Minneapolis neighborhood, locals expressed their view that the Trump administration's ICE operation — called Operation Metro Surge — is an attempt to "make an example" of a rebellious city with an organized civic community. To locals, if ICE is not stopped, it will only embolden the authorities with regard to their objective: to establish a Herrenvolk [racial superiority theory of the German Nazis] dictatorship across the country.

Day by day, new atrocities emerge that gall the sensibilities of those who love peace and freedom. Another man shot; another teen tossed out of a car; a woman kidnapped in the street, kicking and screaming for help. But when ICE grows crueler, Minneapolitans grow bolder still.

On Jan. 13, a coalition of labor unions and community organizations called for a day of "no work, no school, no shopping" to take place on Friday, Jan. 23. Residents who are fed up with despotism are finally taking a step that will demonstrate their resolve. ICE purportedly plans to carry out this operation until June 2026. Minneapolitans are eager to show that they are not to be underestimated. ❐

# ICE terror on the Black community

**By Benny Schaft**

Jan. 15 — As the new year begins, so has the continued repression by the capitalist state. Against the will of the people, the state has once again unleashed ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) thugs to kidnap and murder migrants and even their allies. This was on full display with the state-sanctioned murder of pro-migrant activist Renee Good on Jan. 7 in Minneapolis. This heinous act has already sparked countrywide protests leading to further radicalization amongst the working class.

But ICE terror is not limited to Latine people. It has also turned its violence towards the Black community as well — and has done so openly and with glee. This has been made clear in countless urban cities across the country. Of course, there are those who claim that ICE is not targeting Black people and that even raising such claims is "dangerous" for the community.

The argument is easy to dismantle.

The actions of these gestapo-like stormtroopers speak for themselves. Most notably in Chicago, ICE was caught on camera in November when a group of these fascists assaulted a Black resident near Garfield Park. They put him in a chokehold until he passed out while preventing bystanders from intervening on his behalf. One month earlier in October, 19-year-old Warren King suffered a similar fate when he was assaulted and illegally detained by ICE.

This violence escalated further when ICE raided the South Shore Apartments on Chicago's South Side, beating and harassing residents, including children, and even zip tying them inside their own building. ICE attempted to justify this raid by claiming the building housed illegal "criminal" migrants, a claim that was later fully refuted.

And these crimes do not end there. ICE has also been kidnapping Black immigrants from the Caribbean and Africa, especially Haitians and Jamaicans. This directly contradicts the attempts by reactionaries to sow division within the Black community through xenophobia. They make the false claim that this is not happening to Black people at all.

By deliberately attempting to divide "Black Americans" from Black immigrants, the ruling class seeks to deceive Black people into believing that Black people are safe. However, the Black community in general has not fallen for it.

**Keith Porter, Jr.**

Any illusion that ICE terror does not affect the Black community was completely shattered when a 43-year-old Black man, Keith Porter Jr., was fatally shot by an off-duty ICE agent in Los Angeles on Dec. 31. This murder ignited even more organizing and radicalization among Black people against ICE across the country.

This brings us to the real question of how we should respond as Black revolutionaries and members of the Black community. Should we organize against this ongoing occupation of our neighborhoods and murders of our people?

The answer is clear.

We must resist. We must organize. We must continue building power against these stormtrooping pigs whose sole purpose is to wage war — not just against Black activists but against all workers, including workers of color. Just like the Blackshirts, Gestapo and KKK before them, ICE serves the interests of making profits for the capitalist system built on the suffering and murder of the most oppressed, including the Black community.

The only way to stop these assaults is through organization, mobilization and class unity to help drive these ICE fascists off the backs of the Black and Latine communities, and the working class as a whole. And in doing so, we will move towards dismantling capitalism itself and building a revolutionary workers' government. ❐

# Coast to coast: Protests

**Philadelphia, Jan. 8, 2026.** WW PHOTO: JOE PIETTE

BELIEVE Your Eyes, IGNORE Republican LIES.
BLOOD ON THEIR HANDS
R.I.P. ReneeGood MURDERED by ICE
Justice for Renee Nicole Good
unarmed murdered US citizen
Stop ICE cruelty
FROM CLEVELAND TO MINNEAPOLIS
STOP ICE TERROR

**Cleveland, Jan. 8, 2026.** WW PHOTO: MARTHA GREVATT

**Houston, Jan. 8, 2026.** WW PHO

# Denver MLK Day action protests ICE attacks

**By Viviana Weinstein**
**Denver**

At the Denver Capitol on Jan. 17, over 600 very loud, mainly young people marched to protest the violent ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) shooting of Renee Good, a 37-year-old mother in Minneapolis. Organizers felt that the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend was a perfect moment to combine the struggles against racism and ICE violence.

The Trump administration has sent ICE into many cities to attack and literally kidnap immigrants. Congress provided a large amount of money to hire ICE agents; many were members of gangs or far-right neo-fascist organizations like the Proud Boys before being hired.

ICE has been shown to break down doors without warrants and violently drag people out of cars to arrest them. The people attacked are largely Latine and brown skinned. While victims scream that they are citizens, they are still arrested and put in detention by ICE. A number of Indigenous people have also been falsely arrested and jailed.

There are multiple videos of severe, illegal ICE violence. One depicts a U.S. citizen, a 16-year-old teen, being held in a chokehold. According to Pro Publica, the use of chokeholds has been reported over 40 times and has caused some victims to lose consciousness and even convulse. Videos on the internet show an ICE agent placing his knees on the neck and back of a nurse thrown to the ground who was in pain and unable to breathe.

Another video shows a father holding his baby and refusing to let go of his child and get out of his car. An ICE agent then applies pressure to his carotid artery, causing the father to violently seize. ICE has been referred to as Trump's Gestapo.

The anger at ICE agents who have been sent into communities to attack and terrorize residents and tear families apart is palpable. Neighborhood teams have formed to follow ICE agents and protect the community by alerting its residents. In Minneapolis, there are groups providing food and other needs for people who are afraid to come out of their houses.

The killing of Renee Good was a national signal that ICE is an out-of-control, paramilitary, armed group willing to attack and kill immigrants and anyone who supports them or just happens to be nearby. ICE is not accountable to anyone and a danger to all workers and families. ☐

**Protest over ICE shooting of Renee Good, Denver, Jan. 17, 2026.** PHOTO: VIVIANA WEINSTEIN

# Minneapolis unity vs ICE terror

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people when ICE invaded vulnerable communities, businesses, schools, churches, etc., "hunting" for migrants, very reminiscent of the days of "slave" catchers in the Deep South over 200 years ago.

If there seems to be a parallel between this and the Israel Occupation Forces' genocidal tactics in Gaza, it is not a coincidence. For two decades ICE agents have been training with the IOF.

### Good's murder fuels solidarity

But once the murder of an unarmed Renee Good outraged the country, solidarity with the migrant communities intensified throughout the city and the state to counter deepening ICE repression. Student walkouts and rallies along with other forms of protests electrified the city, reminding one of the militant protests and no business as usual actions in response to the police lynching of George Floyd there in May 2020.

Besides the Somali migrants, ICE has detained Indigenous people, attacked and arrested a disabled woman, shot a Venezuelan resident and attacked Black people, including children, with tear gas and stun grenades, with impunity.

The reactionary Department of Justice (DOJ) had the audacity to call for an investigation of Good's widow, Becca Good, for her political activities as an anti-ICE monitor. To justify her murder, Noem referred to Renee Good, also a monitor, as a "domestic terrorist."

***The call for the Jan. 23 work stoppage in Minneapolis has resulted in calls for solidarity and resistance in other cities where ICE has also invaded, including New York City and Philadelphia, and the list is growing day by day.***

Six Minnesota prosecutors resigned from the Justice Department in protest of this bogus investigation. Jonathan Ross, the ICE agent who shot Good, has not been arrested, much less charged with first-degree murder.

### ICE and police work hand in hand

As the heroic resistance against ICE continues, Trump has threatened to send 2,000 more storm troopers to bolster the 1,000 originally sent in December. Trump also announced that he is prepared to send 1,500 U.S. troops to Minneapolis from the Army's 11th Airborne Division, based in Alaska, evoking the Insurrection Act of 1807.

This federal law gives the president the unilateral authority to deploy troops to any city in response to a rebellion. This act was last carried out by President George H.W. Bush during the 1992 Los Angeles rebellion when four white police officers were acquitted by an all-white jury for the savage beating of Black motorist Rodney King, caught on video.

The governor of Minnesota, Tim Walz, and the mayor of Minneapolis, Jacob Frey, have publicly requested that ICE leave the state in the wake of the Good shooting. Trump responded by calling for a DOJ investigation against these two Democratic Party leaders.

Walz and Frey have also called for peaceful protests and have given the police the green light to arrest and jail any activist involved in militant confrontations with ICE.

The movement in Minneapolis is faced with not just one but two fronts of state repression — one federal, based from ICE and potentially the army, and the other being local and state-based police. These two fronts may have varying ranges of authority and tactics but share the same objective under a capitalist society — to keep social order when it comes to upholding the private property rights of the ruling class elite. The bottom line is that neither the police, ICE nor the military are friends of the workers and oppressed peoples, especially when the masses threaten to rebel against intolerable conditions.

This protest uprising is not confined to Minneapolis. It is being felt throughout the country where social injustice is rearing its ugly head. The call for the Jan. 23 work stoppage in Minneapolis has resulted in calls for solidarity and resistance in other cities where ICE has also invaded, including New York City and Philadelphia, and the list is growing day by day.

The heroic struggle in Minneapolis shows that despite all the ICE terror coupled with police brutality that has been unleashed, what is most decisive is classwide resistance in solidarity first and foremost towards the most oppressed and marginalized peoples — Black, Brown and Indigenous. And it is this political solidarity that the ruling class and their repressive state fear the most.

The time has come to abolish ICE and the police. ☐

# condemn ICE murderers

TO: GLORIA RUBAC

**Dallas, Jan. 8, 2026.** WW PHOTO: ALEX COLWELL

**Portland, Oregon, Jan. 8, 2026.** WW PHOTO: LYN NEELEY

**New York City, Jan. 11, 2026.** WW PHOTO: ELLEN CATALINOTTO

# U.S./Israeli attack on Iran fails

**By Sara Flounders**

Washington's latest criminal attack, following decades of nonstop efforts to overturn the Islamic Republic of Iran, a country of 92 million people, has failed.

Since the powerful 1979 Iranian Revolution overturned the corrupt Pahlavi monarchy, kept in place by U.S. and British imperialism, Washington has used invasions, bombings, assassinations and sabotage to try to reestablish its domination of this resource-rich country.

The Revolution — and with it the utilization of Iran's own resources — transformed Iran, modernizing industry and providing health care, electrification, sanitation and free universal education. Old feudal land holdings were broken up, and land was distributed to the people. Today, 70% of Iran's science and engineering students and more than half of the doctors are women. (forbes.com, Dec. 9, 2015)

The Iranian Revolution inspired resistance to imperialist domination across West Asia, Africa and throughout the Islamic world. These revolutionary movements have been Iran's natural allies.

Therefore, in an effort to erode confidence in the government's ability to keep improving the lives of millions of people, the U.S. has utilized asset seizures, currency manipulations, economic sanctions and secondary sanctions to any countries trading with Iran. These intentionally disruptive measures cause inflation spirals, wage erosion, escalating housing costs and chronic shortages.

Often these multi-pronged efforts of sabotage are hidden and denied. The latest round of sabotage, however, was so bold that U.S. and Israeli politicians bragged about their role and openly called for an overturn of the Iranian government.

### What is real? What is AI created?

The current upheaval began as a small protest on Dec. 28 calling for the government to take actions against rising prices and currency devaluation. But these actions were immediately hijacked, and they ballooned into something entirely different, with thousands supposedly calling for an overthrow of the government. Suddenly armed gangs were among the protesters, shooting randomly at police and at other protesters.

Buildings were burned. U.S. corporate media amplified every protest. Photos were everywhere. Were they real or were they AI generated? It didn't matter.

Was the stated number of Iranians killed accurate? Or was this a way to send a media message back into Iran to further inflame the situation? Was any of this a grassroots movement that naturally sprang up?

These demonstrations were quickly supported and signal-boosted by the U.S. and Israeli national security. Israel's intelligence agency, Mossad, posted a message in Farsi on Dec. 29 on its official social media accounts instructing Iranian protesters: "Go out together into the streets. The time has come. ... We are with you. Not only from a distance and verbally. We are with you in the field." (jpost.com, Dec. 29, 2025)

On Jan. 2, President Donald Trump wrote on his Truth Social: "If Iran shots (sic) and violently kills peaceful protesters, which is their custom, the United States of America will come to their rescue. We are locked and loaded and ready to go. Thank you for your attention to this matter!" (x.com/WhiteHouse/status)

The same day, former U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo posted on X: "The Iranian regime is in trouble. ... Happy New Year to every Iranian in the streets. Also to every Mossad agent walking beside them." (jpost.com, Jan. 3)

The attacks escalated on Jan. 8 when coordinated attacks targeted public, state and religious sites. Armed groups attacked shops, banks, bus stations and mosques, killing a number of security personnel and civilians along with arson attacks on medical facilities and public institutions and attacks on emergency services facilities.

Iranian authorities said their evidence showed that foreign-backed terrorist groups distributed weapons, deliberately targeted civilians and security forces and acted with the direct involvement of the United States and Israel.

### Foreign media, funded NGOs and Starlink

The CIA's National Endowment for Democracy (NED) continues to fund hundreds of media programs to pump disinformation into Iran. The Mossad works with the CIA to fund Persian-language satellite television stations. British imperialism has long maintained daily Persian language services.

The role of this media beamed into Iran is to blame alleged "economic mismanagement, corruption and systemic privilege" for shortages — not the decades of economic blockade.

In an article titled, "Revealed: The CIA-backed NGOs fueling the Iran protests," Alan MacLeod of Mintpress News stated: "The huge death tolls in Iran being splashed all over the media are sourced to an outfit in Fairfax, Virginia, called 'Human Rights Activists in Iran' that is overwhelmingly funded by the U.S. government. What is their methodology? Is it credible? Who cares? Just pump the big numbers out. ... In the past week alone, their assertions have provided much of the basis for stories in CNN, The Wall Street Journal, NPR, ABC News, Sky News and The New York Post, among others." (popularresistance.org, Jan. 16)

WW PHOTO: JOHN CATALINOTTO

**Demonstrators at No Kings Day, Rhinebeck, New York, June 14, 2025.**

The loudest and most prominent Iranian "protest leader" quoted in the west is Masih Alinejad, a woman who was on the payroll of NED for years and who currently works for the U.S. Agency for Global Media. She lives in the U.S. Between 2015 and 2022, Masih Alinejad received $628,000 in funding from NED and related groups and a nomination for the Nobel Peace Prize (mediareviewnet.com, Jan. 20)

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Why did both the U.S. and Israeli media moguls believe they could be so public in their role? Their whole operation depended on the destabilizing impact of the more than 50,000 Starlink internet devices smuggled over months into Iran. Starlink provided free services and transmitted gory images of massive deaths and exaggerated Western media support back into Iran.

The plan was to blast that the government was collapsing, and the people were rising, which could destabilize and demoralize the population. In the past U.S.-backed "color revolutions," using similar tactics, were successful.

By Jan. 10, when Iran, using its own technology, was able to block Starlink connections to Elon Musk's blanket of satellites, the protests ebbed. This ability of Iran to assert its sovereignty and control its own messaging over its own country came as a shock to the U.S.

Then U.S. intervention threats moved into high gear. On Jan. 12 the White House messaged: "Effective immediately, any Country doing business with the Islamic Republic of Iran will pay a Tariff of 25% on any and all business being done with the United States of America. This Order is final and conclusive." (x.com/WhiteHouse)

On Jan. 13, on Truth Social Trump roared: "Iranian patriots, TAKE OVER YOUR INSTITUTIONS!!! Save the names of the killers and abusers. They will pay a big price. ... Help is on the way."

After the kidnapping of Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro and First Revolutionary Combatant Cilia Flores, Venezuela didn't collapse. All of its institutions, military, peoples militias and mass movement stayed united.

When all attention was then focused on a U.S. strike on Iran, the same thing happened there. Iran organized massive pro-government demonstrations nationwide on Jan. 12.

Of course, this received no coverage in Western corporate media. Iran announced it would retaliate against Israel and the U.S. if it were attacked, reminding the two countries of its response to the Israeli/U.S. bombing seven months ago in June.

### Iran's hypersonic missiles

To protect its revolutionary gains, Iran has built a strong military apparatus — the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC). It has developed military technology to defend the country from U.S. and Israeli military attacks.

A U.S. attack on Iran appeared inevitable, even though 70% of the U.S. population opposes military action in Iran. Trump, who campaigned promising to end the U.S. legacy of forever wars, has bombed seven countries in the past year: Yemen, Syria, Iran, Iraq, Nigeria, Somalia and Venezuela.

But on Jan. 14, Netanyahu publicly appealed to Trump to postpone any plans for a military attack. Senior officials from U.S. allies Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Oman and Egypt joined in urging no attack on Iran, warning that such a move could trigger a wider regional conflict.

Israeli and U.S. military experts have warned that Israel was less equipped to defend itself against Iran's missile threat than it was in the 12-day round of bombing in June, when Israel, in a surprise attack, targeted the Islamic Republic's military leadership, nuclear scientists and missile production.

Iran has developed sophisticated missile systems — including hypersonic missiles, advanced ballistic missiles and hypersonic glide vehicles, which maneuver within the atmosphere at extreme speeds. These ballistic missiles can be manufactured relatively quickly and at scale, far outpacing the long production time and slow resupply of THAAD interceptors from the U.S.

Although Trump promised, "Help is on the way," the U.S. was forced to pull back. Its industrial resupply was too slow, and the mobilized Iranian unity, even in the face of a new form of sneak attack, had prevailed with the people mobilized and its scientific and industrial defense intact.

However, U.S. efforts to undermine the Islamic Republic of Iran are sure to continue. The anti-imperialist movement must remain ready to act. ❐

## Venezuela

# The limits of gunboat diplomacy

**By Sara Flounders**

January 22 — It's now 19 days since U.S. gangsters kidnapped Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro and First Revolutionary Combatant and former President of the Venezuelan National Assembly Cilia Flores. It's over a month after the Dec. 6 White House release of its National Security Strategy document, with its so-called Trump Corollary to the Monroe Doctrine.

It is worth evaluating what these events represent for U.S. imperialist power and its ability to reverse Washington's rapidly declining global position.

As an immediate task, all progressive forces must be mobilized to demand the freedom and return of Maduro and Flores and to defend Venezuelan sovereignty.

Evaluating the outrageous kidnapping of a head of state and the pompous National Security Strategy document requires a global perspective and an understanding of the increasing influence of people's movements in shaping history. Revolutionary determination and morale are material factors in political struggles.

### Limits of U.S. weapons

The Bolivarian Revolution has withstood 27 years of U.S. sanctions, assassinations, regime-change operations, asset seizures, tanker seizures and a massive, high-tech U.S. stealth invasion to kidnap President Maduro. The Bolivarian Revolution did not disintegrate. It maintained its organizational unity and political cohesion. Venezuelans have mobilized by the millions in the streets and in armed people's militias.

Trump and the loyal corporate media tried to divide the Venezuelan elected officials with rumors and innuendos about sell-outs and inside deals. Instead, U.S. strategists hit a solid wall of internal cohesion and revolutionary determination.

The Venezuelan leadership, like Presidents Hugo Chávez and Nicolás Maduro before them, maintains that they are willing to negotiate with the U.S. However, it was the U.S. that officially blocked all negotiations. Venezuela has always been willing to sell its oil to the U.S., but it was U.S. sanctions that blocked the oil sales. They are willing to reopen embassies. The U.S. ordered the embassies closed.

The problem for the U.S. is that Acting President Delcy Rodríguez and the core leadership of the United Socialist Party of Venezuela (PSUV) — including Minister of the Interior Diosdado Cabello and Minister of Defense Padrino López, as well as the armed forces and Peoples Militias — project a united front. Acting as interim leader, Rodríguez forcefully declared: "There is only one president in this country, and his name is Nicolás Maduro Moros. We will never again be a colony of any empire."

### U.S. militarism can't expand oil corporation profits

Trump met with the oil companies' executives on the same day that the U.S. seized a fifth oil tanker. He urged them to rush back into extracting Venezuela's enormous oil reserves and publicly announced that U.S. oil companies would invest $100 billion to rapidly rebuild Venezuela's dilapidated oil industry infrastructure and increase oil production by millions of barrels.

Almost every media outlet covered the oil companies' reluctance to invest such a large sum. Officials of the powerful oil monopolies made it clear they do not think the U.S. government can protect their resource theft or even guarantee their security in Venezuela for decades to come.

Darren Woods, CEO of Exxon Mobil, the largest U.S. oil corporation, described the biggest hurdle: "We've had our assets there seized twice, and so you can imagine, to re-enter a third time would require some pretty significant changes. ... Today [Venezuela] is uninvestible."

Trump bragged that the U.S. was immediately taking over the sale of 30 million to 50 million barrels of Venezuela's sanctioned crude oil and would control sales of Venezuelan oil worldwide indefinitely. Reality check: 30 million to 50 million barrels of stolen oil, now trading at $56 a barrel, is worth only $2.75 billion — or two-and-a-half days of U.S. needs. This is less than 3% of the $100 billion in required oil company investments. (pbs.org, Jan. 7)

This meeting exposes the limits of U.S. imperialism's power. Even extreme actions cannot halt their irreversible decline. While U.S. corporate CEOs are all for a quick rip-off and quick profits, they are "risk averse." They complain of high debt loads and growing demands for cleaner energy, then point out that global oil markets are oversupplied and prices are hovering near five-year lows. The reality of late-stage capitalism is that capitalists must maximize profit every quarter. Long term infrastructure investment reduces profits and payments to shareholders.

### Fallacies of Trump's 'Donroe' Doctrine

This declaration that Venezuela is "uninvestible" exposes the wishful thinking and grand, unrealistic projections of Trump's Corollary to the Monroe Doctrine and the whole National Security Strategy (NSS) document.

The 32-page document is based on the imperial arrogance of a capitalist system that is not based on the material reality of today's world or an understanding of the global economy. The shrinking U.S. position is papered over with grandiose statements and absurd declarations of continued economic dominance.

The document's focus reveals the shrinking U.S. global position. It's a break from the 1992 Defense Planning Guidance focused on maintaining U.S. hegemony worldwide and the 1997 National Security Strategy for a New [American] Century. It is a retreat into what amounts to a desperate effort to lay claim to the Western Hemisphere.

The Trump Corollary asserts that the Trump administration will "restore and enforce the 1823 Monroe Doctrine to restore American preeminence in the Western Hemisphere." It arrogantly calls for the whole Western Hemisphere to decouple from China as the crucial step in restoring U.S. global dominance. (See National Security Strategy, for the full text: *tinyurl.com/WH-NSS-nov2025*)

### Reality check: U.S. trade deficit vs China's surplus

As of October 2025, the U.S. trade deficit was $29.4 billion, with no trade surpluses for the past 50 years while China's trade surplus surged to a record $1.19 trillion in 2025.

The U.S. accounted for over 50% of world global production in 1950. According to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the U.S. will account for only 11% of world industrial production by 2030 while China will account for 45% of global industrial production.

This enormous industrial capacity is proving to be decisive, especially because China, as a formerly colonized country, is willing to share its technology and help other formerly colonized countries of the Global South in their development.

All the key industries in China are socially owned by the whole people, not a handful of billionaires. They can operate without being required to distribute dividends and increase profits each quarter. They are free to make long-term infrastructure plans. This ability to plan accelerates development.

China is now South America's largest trading partner. Trade between China, Latin America and the Caribbean soared from $12 billion in 2000 to $315 billion in 2020, according to a report in the Feb. 24, 2025, America's Quarterly. It grew in 2024 to a record high of over $518 billion.

According to a Jan. 9 article in the New York Times, "Latin America has swelled with a range of goods from Chinese factories, from car parts, electronic devices and appliances to equipment for satellites."

China's decades-long strategy involves building long-term relationships through diplomacy and the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), which 21 Latin American and Caribbean countries had joined as of 2024.

The NSS declares: "The United States must be preeminent in the Western Hemisphere as a condition of our security and prosperity." This reflects the view that every other country's productive capacity is seen as a threat.

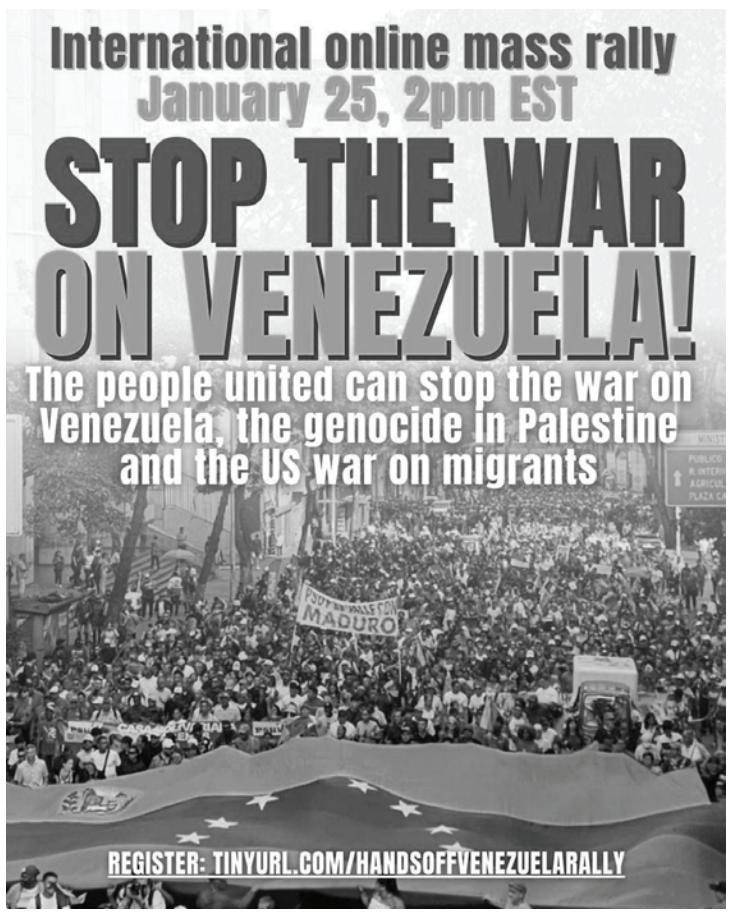
U.S. strategy focuses on using coercive diplomacy or gunboat diplomacy, including raising tariffs and increasing strangling sanctions. This is an unappealing alternative to China's economic engagement strategy, considering the scale of China's trade and China's willingness to invest in infrastructure.

There is also the issue of two-way trade. Nearly half of Chile's exports now go to China. Even countries with newly elected, right-wing governments face an immediate quandary with their own capitalist class on how to proceed.

The days of the Monroe Doctrine are gone. U.S. infrastructure is crumbling, and its industrial capacity can't be rebuilt with bold declarations and tariffs. Even U.S. sanctions — once such an all-powerful economic weapon imposed on 40 countries, one-third of the world's population — are now challenged by the BRICS trade alliance and China's Belt and Road Initiative.

Despite positioning the world's largest aircraft carrier off the coast of Venezuela, the U.S. military had to use a stealth, hit-and-run attack, because the Trump cabal understood that committing thousands of U.S. troops against the determined and armed Venezuelan people would raise an unsustainable storm of opposition in the U.S.

The U.S. working class is overwhelmingly opposed to more U.S. wars, for any reason, in every poll. There is a growing understanding that the billions of dollars for war is money ripped from desperately needed funds here. This is the material basis for a new level of global unity and genuine solidarity. ❐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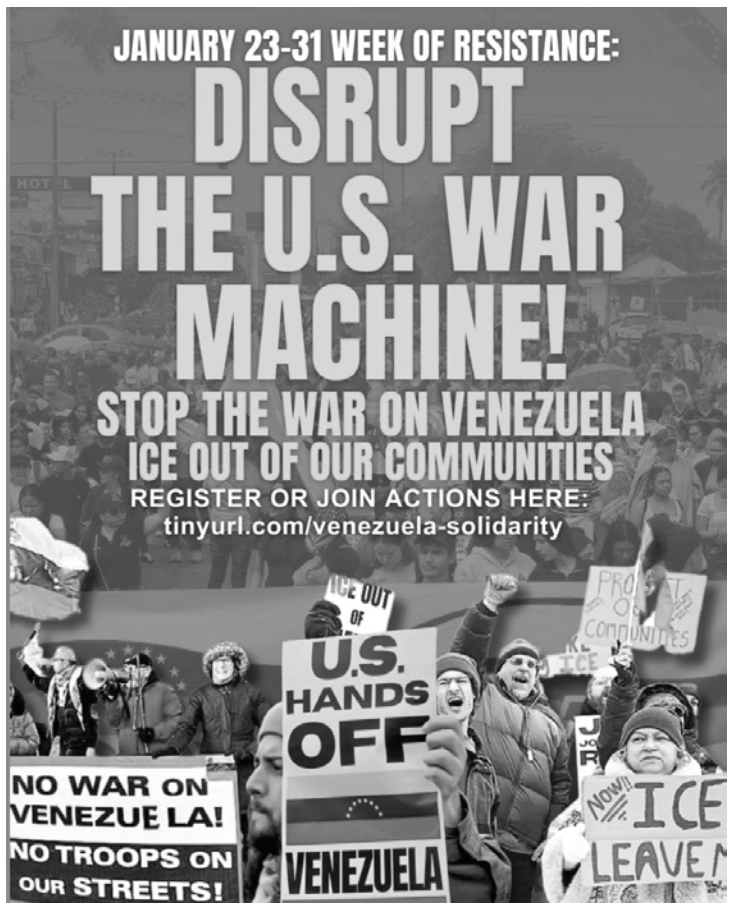

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# Trump's Board of Genocide

In November of 2025 the United Nations Security Council voted in favor of a proposal, coming from President Donald Trump, to establish a "Board of Peace" to rule Palestine. The proposal passed with 13 yes votes and two abstentions, from China and Russia.

At the time, Hamas — the leading Palestinian organization in Gaza — denounced the proposal, saying: "Assigning the international force with tasks and roles inside the Gaza Strip, including disarming the resistance, strips it of its neutrality and turns it into a party to the conflict in favor of the occupation.

"The resolution imposes an international guardianship mechanism on the Gaza Strip, which our people and their factions reject. It also imposes a mechanism to achieve the occupation's objectives, which it failed to accomplish through its brutal genocide." (thecradle.co, Nov. 18, 2025)

Now that Trump has begun naming people to the Board, it is crystal clear that Hamas spoke the truth.

The White House Board includes former British Prime Minister Tony Blair, who, along with former U.S. President George W. Bush, carried out the genocidal war against Iraq in 2003. Also named are the despicable, right-wing, current U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio, Trump's son-in-law Jared Kushner, World Bank President Ajay Banga and a few others with similar "credentials" as imperialist war criminals.

Speaking of war criminals, leading the pack is Trump who appointed himself as chair of the Board.

No Palestinians have been appointed!

While the various Palestinian resistance groups, including Hamas, have rejected this neocolonial scheme for Gaza, Hamas stated that it is "fully ready to hand over the administration of the Gaza Strip to an independent technocratic committee and facilitate its work." (Resistance News Network Mirror, Jan. 14)

This technocratic committee was agreed to as part of the ceasefire agreement between the Palestinian Resistance and the Zionist occupation government. Trump's phony, misnamed "Board of Peace" was not.

Despite the Security Council vote, there is no guarantee that this reactionary Board will have success in disarming the Resistance. Trump's imperialist bravado does not automatically translate into the absolute control of a situation by the U.S. It is no more true in Palestine than in Venezuela, which is still under a revolutionary government in spite of Trump's claims that "we will run the country." (reuters.com, Jan. 3)

From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free! ☐

# Dr. King's legacy: No borders in the workers' struggle!

January 19 officially marked the 40th anniversary of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. federal holiday, a demand won through many years of grassroots struggle. If he were alive today, King would have celebrated his 97th birthday on Jan. 15. Dr. King dedicated his entire adult life to fighting for Civil Rights for African Americans, especially in the Deep South during the 1950s and 1960s.

And during the last year of his life, King showed concrete support for striking Black sanitation workers in Memphis, Tennessee, while simultaneously calling for an end to the Vietnam war, a war he characterized as immoral. Linking the struggles against white supremacy, for workers' rights and against imperialist wars was uppermost on his political agenda of activism.

Nothing has fundamentally changed since Dr. King was murdered regarding the domination of imperialism, a system rooted in worldwide capitalism that still exists, although today it is in a much greater stage of decay. President Donald Trump symbolizes this decay with his blatant campaign to whitewash U.S. history by removing references to Black struggles and the legacy of enslavement.

Despite this decay, a rapid collapse of the system must not be taken for granted. We are witnessing a desperate and violent system that targets the rights of workers and oppressed peoples in the Global South and the Global North.

Just ask the people of Venezuela. They recently experienced the bombing of their country and having their elected President Nicolás Maduro and his spouse, Cilia Flores, illegally kidnapped by President Trump, the CIA and the Pentagon.

Or ask the people of Occupied Palestine, who are suffering from more than two years of a U.S.-backed genocide in Gaza and widespread terror in the West Bank perpetrated by the apartheid State of Israel.

Or ask the people of Iran who are battling violent anti-government protests cheered on by Trump, who seeks regime change in another oil rich country.

And there are numerous other U.S. threats against the sovereignty of other countries, such as Cuba, Colombia, Greenland, Mexico, Nicaragua, Nigeria and ultimately China.

### Imperialism at home

These U.S. imperialist attacks abroad are an extension of attacks inside the belly of the beast. Since Trump took over the reins of the presidency a year ago, he has expressed very clearly that he is no friend of the working class. He laid off tens of thousands of mainly Black federal workers and severely restricted food stamps and health care benefits, including gender-affirming care for transgender youth.

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Trump declared a racist, xenophobic war on migrants that began last summer when he unleashed the ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) stormtroopers in Los Angeles County. The main target of this war has been any migrant, documented or undocumented, perceived to originate from the Global South, especially Africa, Asia, the Caribbean or Latin America. Flaunting his racist bias, Trump has brazenly encouraged whites from South Africa and Scandinavian countries to migrate to the U.S.

And while the blatant murder of Renee Nicole Good — a 37-year-old, white, pro-migrant activist — by an ICE agent in Minneapolis has understandably garnered countrywide and international attention, there have been an untold number of migrants illegally and inhumanely detained, brutally attacked and killed by ICE since Trump took office. Non-migrants such as Keith Porter — a young Black man in Los Angeles who was killed by an off-duty ICE agent this past New Year's Eve — are targeted. Two Venezuelan migrants, labeled as drug dealers without evidence, were shot and wounded in Portland, Oregon, by ICE on the day after Good lost her life.

When Dr. King led his first anti-war march in Chicago in March 1967, he stated, "The bombs in Vietnam explode at home — they destroy the dream and possibility for a decent America." This quote, while not put in revolutionary class terms, still made the following important point: There are two fronts to the same ruling-class war against workers — here and abroad. And this connection must continue to guide the global anti-imperialist movement today. ☐

# Venezuela's weapons: solidarity, communes, militias

**COMMENTARY**

**By Sue Harris**

U.S. imperialism and Bolivarian Venezuela have been engaging in what has been called asymmetric warfare. For five months since August 2025, the enormous destructive power of a U.S. Navy warfleet bombed and destroyed more than 25 small boats and killed over 100 people, most civilians. In a world ruled by law, these would be U.S. war crimes.

In the early hours of Jan. 3, if we believe an article in the New York Times, a sneak cyberattack cut off all power in Caracas and prevented the Venezuelans from defending their political leaders. ("Cyberattack in Venezuela Demonstrated Precision of U.S. Capabilities," Jan. 15)

According to that article, U.S. warmaking is more sophisticated than that of Venezuela, which had no defense against this cyberattacks. And that was the key factor in the kidnapping of President Nicolás Maduro and First Combatant Cilia Flores.

The White House called this a great victory and announced plans to "run Venezuela." It was similar to when then-President George W. Bush declared "mission accomplished" about Iraq in 2003 after landing on an aircraft carrier.

**Venezuelan masses demonstrate in Caracas to defend their government, Jan. 6, 2026.**

The thing about asymmetric warfare is that the other side, while it possesses no death fleet of warships and currently couldn't counter the cyberattack, has weapons of its own, weapons that U.S. imperialism doesn't possess.

The weapon that counters the U.S. plans for Venezuela — that stops Trump's orders to hand over "his" oil and makes it (as the oil CEO's called it) "uninvestible" — is something the U.S. has no simple answer to: mass solidarity. Although the U.S. corporate media made little effort to cover the response in Venezuela, soon social media on the internet was filled with videos and photographs of masses of Venezuelans marching in the streets and declaring their indignation against their would-be invaders, their loyalty to Maduro and Flores and their determination to go on defending a free and sovereign Venezuela.

Unions, youth organizations, women's organizations and the ubiquitous local communes were each leading massive contingents through the streets of Caracas, the capital, and other cities. And the communes were mobilized to continue production, while the militias were mobilized to fight, if necessary.

U.S. imperialism has no use for mass solidarity. The word commune is met with scorn. To the U.S. ruling class, it reeks of the ideas of socialism and communism. But it is a mainstay of life in Venezuela. The people write songs and make videos about it, showing how working together is the basis for productivity, well-being and success.

It is this communal solidarity that is growing among people around the world that can resist the bullying of the U.S. and that will eventually win out against it. Eventually, the U.S. occupiers had to leave Iraq and, after 20 years, Afghanistan.

Now that the Times article has boasted of U.S. cyber sophistication, the people in targeted countries know what they must defend against. And there is no doubt that they are capable of developing a counterweapon. ☐

# Say Greenland's name – Kalaallit Nunaat

**By Paddy Colligan and Gregory Dunkel**

Kalaallit Nunaat, the Indigenous name for Greenland, is the world's largest island and is located astride the Arctic Circle in North America. It is about three times the size of Texas, but unlike Texas, much of the center of Kalaallit is covered by an ice sheet over a mile thick in many areas. Of the 58,000 people who live in Kalaallit, approximately 90% are Indigenous. The official language of Kalaallit is Kalaallisut (Greenlandic).

Only a small portion of the most southerly region of the island is arable, so local hunters and fishers get their protein from sea mammals, fish, wild birds, muskox, caribou and small land mammals. While a lot of food is imported, these wild sources are a significant part of people's diet and income and are sold in fish markets and grocery stores alongside imported goods. Efforts are made to ensure sustainable harvesting.

The majority of the Kalaallit (also the name of the people) live in 18 communities and work in modern sector employment — transportation, education, health care, commerce and tourism. Others, particularly those who live in very small rural settlements, depend on hunting and fishing and live off the land.

**Map of Arctic region.**

We have intentionally changed the focus in this article, because the Indigenous people who live in Kalaallit are almost entirely ignored in the current political discourse (if bombast, bullying and intimidation can be called that). These are the people who would be dramatically and negatively impacted by the plans Donald Trump's administration is touting. We want to restore them to their rightful place at the center!

People have lived on this island for at least 4,000 years when it was first settled by small groups of Arctic adapted Inuit people from Siberia. About 800 years ago, other people who had developed ways to exploit the island's rich marine resources — whales, seals and walrus — settled along the coasts and fjords. About the same time that Indigenous people began their expansion, Norse farmers from Iceland established settlements along a few fjords in the south of the island. Their settlements, never larger than a few thousand people, lasted about 200 years. Their numbers dwindled and they died out for reasons still not well understood. There appears to have been only very limited contact between the Indigenous Inuit and the Norse.

By the 18th century, European ships from many nations were coming to the waters around Greenland to fish and to hunt whales and walrus for the oil and hides demanded by the technology of the times. In 1721, the Danish kingdom sent ships to look for any remaining Norse but found the settlements were gone and the land was instead occupied by Inuit. Missionaries came to convert the Inuit and to exploit the local resources. Eventually some small settlements were established.

This is some of the setting in which the strange campaign by Trump to "own Greenland" is taking place.

### Why does Trump want Greenland?

This question has been extensively and repetitiously discussed in the bourgeois press. No answers yet posed make sense, which may be because reason isn't involved. But the leadership of Denmark and NATO are taking Trump's threats very seriously.

Is it only that Trump wants to be the first president in decades who has expanded the square miles under U.S. jurisdiction? Or is it to satisfy the tech industry's hunger for rare earth minerals for their capitalist expansionary plans, including artificial intelligence (AI)?

It must be said that many minerals categorized as rare earths are not in fact rare. However, the processes involved in extracting them from their matrices are either very expensive or environmentally very destructive. As people who care about clean water, air and land, the Kalaallit do not support trashing their fragile environment and cannot be depended on to agree to this type of development.

Also, the private ownership of land is not allowed in Kalaallit.

And finally, is it really security concerns or the concerns about other nations accessing northern shipping lanes that would make their products more competitive? The weakness of this pair of geopolitical concerns is that the treaties now in place let the U.S. military make use of land all over the island.

The most gruesome example of how the U. S. military uses its access to Kalaalitt comes from 1953.

During the Cold War against the former Soviet Union in 1953, the U.S. wanted to expand the Thule Air Base (now Pituffik Space Base) to store nuclear weapons unbeknownst to the Danes or Kalaallit. Having nuclear weapons was against the base agreement. To make way for the expansion, a small Kalaallit community had to move on four days' notice from their ancestral lands to an area 80 miles away with poorer hunting. The community's descendants are still angry about their forced relocation. Furthermore, a B-52 carrying some nuclear weapons crashed and spread contamination that wasn't discovered until years later. Plutonium contamination of shellfish in the seabed where the plane crashed is still showing up in tests today.

### Greenlanders' united response

A joint communiqué, signed by Prime Minister Jens-Frederik Nielsen and the leaders of all the parties in Greenland's Parliament — Democrats Party (Demokraatit), Fellowship Party (Atassut), Forward Party (Siumut), Inuit Community (Inuit Ataqatigiit) and Signpost Party (Naleraq) — explicitly invokes both international law and Greenland's 2009 Self-Government Act, which grants the territory extensive autonomy, including control over natural resources, policing and judicial affairs.

"We elect our own parliament. We form our own government. And we will determine our own path," the leaders declared, emphasizing that while Greenland values its partnerships with the U.S. and Western allies — particularly through the Thule Air Base agreement — it will not accept ultimatums disguised as security policy.

Greenland belongs to Greenlanders! ☐

# Mediterranean dockworkers mobilize for antiwar strike Feb. 6

**By John Catalinotto**

The grassroots union (Unione Sindacale di Base) of dockworkers located in Genoa, Italy, which has held antiwar general strikes in the summer and fall of 2025, is moving forward with an international general strike for Feb. 6, 2026. This Jan. 23 they are holding a national assembly in Genoa to mobilize for the international strike.

In a release calling for the assembly, the USB wrote: "Dockworkers call for action. We refuse to collaborate with rearmament policies. We do not want the docks to be privatized and become a tool of the military. We do not want to work for war.

"At a time when imperialism is unleashing a deadly aggression against the peoples of the Earth, definitively burying international law, promoting the plundering of natural resources on a global scale, putting armies at the service of the interests of large multinational corporations and supporting a gigantic rearmament campaign, workers can block the gears and stop the death machine.

"This war they [the bosses] want to unleash on the planet affects us all. But we can still stop it by joining forces, building international relations and strengthening solidarity among peoples," the USB release continued.

To build mobilization in Italy for the international strike, they will assemble on Friday, Jan. 23, at 6 p.m. in Genoa at the CAP (Circolo Autorità Portuale) in Via Albertazzi 3.

### Political demands of strike

The political demands of the USB regarding these general strikes were made clear in a Sept. 26 declaration, "Dockworkers Don't Work for War." These include demands to "end the genocide of the Palestinian people by Israel, openly supported by its allies, the USA, NATO and the EU; to open stable humanitarian aid corridors; to reject the EU Re-Arm plan; and to claim European and Mediterranean ports as ports of peace.

**Can the port workers stop the bosses' war drive?**

"The genocide is still ongoing, as are many other wars, while it is now clear that the [European Union] re-armament plan is calling for the militarization of ports and strategic infrastructure necessary for war preparations."

This call has been joined by: USB Ports from Italy, Enedep Greece, ODT — Organization Democratique du Travail Morocco — Liman-Is from Turkey and LAB from Euskadi [Basque Country].

The USB added: "Any other organisations from other ports willing to join the international day of action are requested to confirm their participation by contacting the organization.

"These rearmament plans are welcomed by shipowners and terminal operators, as they enable a strong push toward automation, a reduction in employment and an erosion of trade union freedoms."

The statement noted that the war economy is cutting dockworkers' wages, rights and health and safety protections, including reduced working hours.

Assuming their leadership of the workers' struggles at the European level, due to their capacity to mobilize and, above all, their political ability to link the struggle against rearmament with the attacks on the working class and solidarity with the Palestinian Resistance, the port workers are in the best position to issue this call for a general strike at the European and Mediterranean level for Feb. 6. ☐

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**Memphis, Tennessee, Dr. King al centro. 28 de marzo de 1968.**

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## El legado del Dr. King: ¡No hay frontera en la lucha obrera!

El 19 de enero se cumplió oficialmente el 40.º aniversario del día festivo federal en honor al Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., una reivindicación conseguida tras muchos años de lucha popular. Si estuviera vivo hoy, King habría celebrado su 97.º cumpleaños el 15 de enero. El Dr. King dedicó toda su vida adulta a luchar por los derechos civiles de los afroamericanos, especialmente en el sur profundo de los EE. UU. durante las décadas de 1950 y 1960.

Y durante el último año de su vida, King mostró su apoyo concreto a los trabajadores negros del sector de la limpieza en huelga en Memphis, Tennessee, al tiempo que pedía el fin de la guerra de Vietnam, una guerra que calificó de inmoral. Vincular las luchas contra la supremacía blanca, por los derechos de los trabajadores y contra las guerras imperialistas era una de las prioridades de su agenda política de activismo.

Desde el asesinato del Dr. King, nada ha cambiado fundamentalmente en lo que respecta al dominio del imperialismo, un sistema arraigado en el capitalismo mundial que sigue existiendo, aunque hoy en día se encuentra en una fase de decadencia mucho mayor. El presidente Donald Trump simboliza esta decadencia con su descarada campaña para blanquear la historia de Estados Unidos eliminando las referencias a las luchas de los negros y al legado de la esclavitud.

A pesar de esta decadencia, no hay que dar por sentado un rápido colapso del sistema. Estamos siendo testigos de un sistema desesperado y violento que ataca los derechos de los trabajadores y los pueblos oprimidos del Sur Global y del Norte Global.

Pregúntele al pueblo de Venezuela. Recientemente han sufrido el bombardeo de su país y el secuestro ilegal de su presidente electo, Nicolás Maduro, y su esposa, Cilia Flores, por parte del presidente Trump, la CIA y el Pentágono.

O pregúntele al pueblo de la Palestina ocupada, que lleva más de dos años sufriendo un genocidio respaldado por Estados Unidos en Gaza y un terror generalizado en Cisjordania perpetrado por el Estado apartheid de Israel.

O pregúntele al pueblo de Irán, que está luchando contra violentas protestas antigubernamentales alentadas por Trump, que busca un cambio de régimen en otro país rico en petróleo.

Y hay muchas otras amenazas estadounidenses contra la soberanía de otros países, como Cuba, Colombia, Groenlandia, México, Nicaragua, Nigeria y, en última instancia, China.

### Imperialismo en casa

Estos ataques imperialistas estadounidenses en el extranjero son una extensión de los ataques dentro de las entrañas de la bestia. Desde que Trump tomó las riendas de la presidencia hace un año, ha expresado muy claramente que no es amigo de la clase trabajadora. Despidió a decenas de miles de trabajadores federales, en su mayoría negros, y restringió severamente los cupones de alimentos y las prestaciones sanitarias, incluida la atención sanitaria para la reafirmación de género de los jóvenes transgénero.

Trump declaró una guerra racista y xenófoba contra los migrantes que comenzó el verano pasado cuando desató a las tropas de asalto del ICE (Servicio de Inmigración y Control de Aduanas) en el condado de Los Ángeles. El objetivo principal de esta guerra ha sido cualquier migrante, documentado o indocumentado, que se perciba como originario del Sur Global, especialmente de África, Asia, el Caribe o América Latina. Haciendo alarde de su sesgo racista, Trump ha animado descaradamente a los blancos de Sudáfrica y los países escandinavos a emigrar a los Estados Unidos.

Y aunque el asesinato flagrante de Renee Nicole Good, una activista proinmigrante blanca de 37 años, a manos de un agente del ICE en Minneapolis ha acaparado, como es lógico, la atención nacional e internacional, ha habido un número incalculable de migrantes detenidos ilegal e inhumanamente, brutalmente agredidos y asesinados por el ICE desde que Trump asumió el cargo. Personas que no son migrantes, como Keith Porter, un joven negro de Los Ángeles que fue asesinado por un agente del ICE fuera de servicio la pasada Nochevieja, también son blanco de estos ataques. Dos migrantes venezolanos, tachados de traficantes de drogas sin pruebas, fueron tiroteados y heridos en Portland, Oregón, por el ICE el día después de que Good perdiera la vida.

Cuando el Dr. King encabezó su primera marcha contra la guerra en Chicago en marzo de 1967, declaró: «Las bombas en Vietnam explotan en casa: destruyen el sueño y la posibilidad de una América decente». Esta cita, aunque no se expresa en términos revolucionarios, plantea una cuestión importante: hay dos frentes en la misma guerra de la clase dominante contra los trabajadores, aquí y en el extranjero. Y esta conexión debe seguir guiando el movimiento antiimperialista global actual. ☐

*editorial*

## No a la intervención estadounidense en Irán y otros lugares

Si alguna vez hubo la más mínima duda de que Donald Trump busca el cambio de régimen en cualquier gobierno al que se opone, el secuestro ilegal e ilícito del presidente de Venezuela, Nicolás Maduro, y su esposa, Cilia Adela Flores, el 3 de enero debería haber disipado esas dudas para siempre. No importa si un país forma parte de América Latina, como Venezuela, o si se encuentra al otro lado del mundo, en Asia occidental. Cualquier gobierno que se niegue a ser intimidado para que renuncie a su soberanía puede convertirse en blanco de la Doctrina Monroe moderna de Trump.

Apenas unos días antes del bombardeo estadounidense de Venezuela, la Casa Blanca alentaba descaradamente las protestas antigubernamentales que tenían lugar en Irán, un país también rico en reservas de petróleo. Trump declaró que Estados Unidos saldría en defensa de los manifestantes «pacíficos» de Irán. El Gobierno iraní ha reconocido las reivindicaciones de las protestas, al tiempo que ha enviado una firme advertencia de que Estados Unidos no tiene derecho, según el derecho internacional, a intervenir en los asuntos internos de su país.

La verdad es que Estados Unidos ha intentado subvertir la economía iraní con sanciones, que Washington impuso desde la revolución iraní de 1979 con el falso pretexto de que Irán patrocinaba el «terrorismo de Estado». En realidad, el pueblo iraní había derrocado al odiado títere del Sha Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, respaldado por Estados Unidos, durante su revolución.

La organización SanctionsKill describe las sanciones como «un arma de guerra económica que provoca escasez crónica de productos básicos, desequilibrios económicos, hiperinflación caótica, hambrunas artificiales, enfermedades y pobreza. En todos los países, los más pobres y débiles —bebés, niños, enfermos crónicos y ancianos— sufren las peores consecuencias de las sanciones. Las sanciones impuestas por Estados Unidos violan el derecho internacional y son una herramienta para el cambio de régimen». (sanctionskill.org)

Desde que Trump volvió a ocupar la Casa Blanca hace más de un año, estas sanciones no solo se han mantenido, sino que se han maximizado, especialmente en las áreas de producción de petróleo, exportaciones, inversión del sector privado y ventas en el mercado capitalista mundial. Trump busca derrocar al actual Gobierno iraní en el frente económico con una alta inflación, apuntando a su programa de energía nuclear y castigando a Irán por su inquebrantable solidaridad con la resistencia palestina.

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Lo que el régimen de Trump ha hecho a Venezuela y está intentando hacer a Irán debería ser una llamada de atención para el resto del mundo, especialmente para el Sur Global. Cualquier país cuyo gobierno busque cualquier medida de desarrollo económico independiente o soberanía, especialmente para controlar sus recursos, podría encontrar a su pueblo atrapado en la mira de un sistema imperialista desesperado y moribundo, donde la violencia o la amenaza de ella es su único recurso. Pregúntele al pueblo de Siria, Libia, Irak, etc., que han sufrido violentos cambios de régimen por parte del imperialismo estadounidense y occidental.

Solo los pueblos de Venezuela, Irán y otros países en desarrollo tienen derecho a determinar su destino y a elegir a sus líderes, sin ningún tipo de coacción o interferencia por parte de Trump, la CIA y el Pentágono. Y es tarea de los trabajadores y oprimidos del Norte Global mostrar solidaridad antiimperialista con nuestros hermanos de clase en la lucha por liberarse del yugo imperialista. ☐